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U.S. Dept. of Defense (SDDCTEA)
Attn: Railroads for National Defense
709 Ward Drive
Bldg. 1990, Room 2E264
Scott AFB, IL 62225

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Cultural Resources, Rm. 3126
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor N.W., Sidney R. Yates Federal Bldg.
14th Street & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Re: STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 6X), *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Polk County, MN*

Dear Agency or Department Representative:

By virtue of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d), Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) is required to provide notice to you of the imminent filing at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) by MNN of a Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for its abandonment of a portion of its Ada Subdivision between milepost No. 66.8 north of Beltrami and milepost No. 64.0 (end of track) at or near Beltrami, a distance of 2.8 miles in Polk County, Minnesota ("the Rail Line").

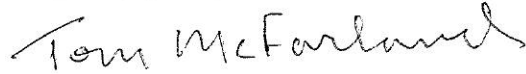
The proposed abandonment will affect U.S. Postal Zip Code 56517. It is anticipated that the Petition for Exemption will be filed on or about August 31, 2013.

It appears that the Rail Line contains federally-granted right-of-way. Documentation in that respect would be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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You may direct any questions about the proposed abandonment to the undersigned as representative of MNN.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom McFarland".

Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.

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cc: (by e-mail)
Surface Transportation Board, Environmental Section
Mr. Lee Lutt